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### ONTARIO CONTINUES BAN ON DIRECT DISCHARGE OF TREATED OR UNTREATED SEWAGE FROM PLEASURE BOATS



The Ontario Ministry of the Environment will continue to enforce its ban against the dumping of treated or untreated sewage from pleasure boats into provincial waters.

As of June 1, 1969, all toilet-equipped pleasure craft have had to also be equipped with holding tanks or incineration systems. The macerator/chlorinator has been banned from use by pleasure craft in Ontario waters since June 1, 1971.

The Ontario regulations prohibit the overboard discharge of treated or untreated sewage from pleasure boats and require adequate shore-based pump-out facilities. Violators of the pleasure craft regulation are subject to prosecution by means of a summary conviction ticket issued by the inspecting officer.

Portable toilets must be secured to the boat, and be adapted to a deck fitting for a shore-based pump-out.

All pleasure boats, including those which are foreign-owned but maintained in Ontario, must be equipped to comply in all respects with the Ontario regulations.

The province accepts adequate flow-through systems on large vessels as an immediate interim solution. However, Ontario has strongly urged the Federal government to activate as soon as possible a program of total containment for commercial vessels.

The province has expressed a willingness to cooperate in efforts to have installed shore reception facilities for waste from commercial vessels in the event that a no-discharge policy is adopted by the Federal government.

For additional information contact the local Ministry of the Environment office or write the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, 135 St. Clair Avenue, West, Toronto, Ontario, M4V 1P5.

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